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First day of A.S. election draws 1,188 voters



By Rima Shah

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Associated Students election board officials are hoping that Wednesday's voter turnout is more than double Tuesday's — after 1,188 votes were cast on the first day of A.S. elections.

As of Tuesday night, this year's first-day totals were less than last year's 1,687, according to the election board.

Joanna Demetriou, of the election board, said they were hoping for 3,000 people on the second day. Last year's second day yielded 1,116 voters.

A.S. election candidates passed out pink, yellow and green fliers, break danced in the Paseo de Cesar Chavez and walked around with signs sticking out of their backpacks on Tuesday.

Tired-looking A.S. candidates with hoarse voices stopped stu-

dents, handed out fliers and smilingly requested them to vote.

Students stopped, took the fliers and often stopped and asked the candidates questions.

Others hurried away trying to avoid eye contact.

Dustin Young, a psychology senior, was one of the people who said he didn't care.

"I am not really on campus that much," Young said. "It's a commuter campus and I am going to be out of here anyways. There is not much participation in school anyways, so why bother."

Young said the people handing out fliers were kind of annoying.

"No one cares," Young said. "No one really wants fliers anyways."

It is not going to make me vote. I don't even know if it affects me a lot and I don't even know who the candidates are."

At the Paseo de Cesar Chavez, music flowed out softly from a stereo as Lorenzo Deveza, the vice-presidential candidate for the Spartan Party, break danced to attract students with other members from his Urban Arts Club, a break dancing club.

In between twisting his hands and legs and bending his body backward, Deveza would try to campaign for the Spartan Party.

"Although elections are serious, this is a college campus, and

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Courtney Tarifa put a student's ballot into the box at the voting booth in front of the Event Center on Tuesday. The voting booth is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Stanley Kao / Special to the Daily

Forum bonds alumni, SJSU

By Amber Sheldon

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Creative Careers Forum was held in the Student Union on Tuesday, allowing students to interact with artists, writers and performers.

Students had the option of attending an art, writing or performance based forum.

Jill Dinnebieer Perez was the career coordinator for the forums this spring.

Perez said it helps students to integrate the academic experience with plans for after graduation.

"It helps to have partnerships with the academic departments because a lot of them have contacts out in the field or out in the community," he said. "So it's great to work with them. A lot of the panelists are alumni, so it's great to have them come back and talk about what they do."

Each panel consisted of two moderators and five panelists.

The art forum included speakers representing a wide range of disciplines, from interior design to electronic arts.

Co-moderators, Robert Milnes, the director of the School of Art and Design, and Laurie Morgan, a career consultant, introduced the panelists to the audience.

The audience was given the opportunity to ask questions after each panelist provided a synopsis of their achievements.

Design studies major Keith Southern said he would have

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Former teacher honored

By Kami Nguyen

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Former political science professor Burton Russell Brazil died Friday, at Good Samaritan Hospital, after struggling with several systematic illnesses just four days after his 82nd birthday.

Services were held for Brazil yesterday in the Spartan Memorial, where family and friends gathered to celebrate his life.

One of Brazil's son, Wayne Brazil, talked about the impact his father had made in his life.

"I want to talk about my father as a teacher," Wayne Brazil said. "Not as a teacher in the classroom, but as a teacher in the family."

He said his father taught him about dignity, wisdom, commitment, strength and the "importance of not taking oneself too seriously."

"He taught us not to accept apparent limitations without a good fight," Wayne Brazil said. "The meaning of courage and what it means in the most subtle significant arena — daily life."

Burton Brazil began work at San Jose State University in 1953 and during his 36 years at the university, his positions included chairman of the political

science department, dean of the school of arts and humanities and then executive vice president of the university.

Originally a political science professor, Brazil began taking the various administrative duties in 1970.

He founded the original faculty club, which had become what is now known as the Academic Senate. He also served on many civic and university committees before retiring in 1989.

Political science Chairman Terry Christensen said he knew Brazil for nearly 32 years.

"He was a political scientist, but also actively engaged in politics," he said. "I really admired him for that. That's what I do, and he made it seem easier for people like us."

In 1954, Brazil played a big role in politics when he moved to Saratoga with his wife and three children.

Brazil became involved in a local movement that resulted in Saratoga being recognized as its own city.

Not only was the movement successful two years later, but Brazil also spent the next seven years serving as the city's first mayor.

Along with that, he

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Christy Kinsley / Daily Staff

From left, Kyle Brazil, Wayne Brazil, Ian Kolb and Andrew Kolb carry the casket of retired San Jose State University professor Burton Brazil at Spartan Memorial. Tuesday's funeral was overflowing with friends and family who remembered the 82-year-old Brazil with anecdotes and stories from his life.

Women find support in new group



David Royal / Daily Staff

Carol Mukhopadhyay, left, anthropology faculty member, Tricia Laygo, and Melissa Alcordero listen as Members of the Feminist Majority Foundation conduct a new chapter orientation in the Guadalupe Room of the Student Union Tuesday.

By Lori Hanley

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some of the first words out of Shawna Fisk-Spester's mouth were, "We do not hate men."

The co-founder of the new Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance defined feminism as "the belief of political, social and economic equality for women."

The group held its new chapter orientation yesterday in the Student Union's Guadalupe room.

"The (Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance) is important because women need an equal voice. They need equal representation. This is a great way to do it," said Salissa Uriarte-Smith, Feminist Majority Development Associate and guest speaker.

Co-founder Angie Fernandez said the group grew out of

a need to establish a place for people with the same ideas to find support and a sense of community.

"I hope to grow as a person and help others grow individually," Fernandez said. "I want to bring an awareness of feminist issues on campus. I want to create a community more than anything else in the world."

The group is an offshoot of the national Feminist Majority, a strongly pro-choice organization that acts as a legislative watchdog for national and international issues associated with women, Uriarte-Smith said.

The Feminist Majority has established programs such as the concert series, Rock for Choice.

Started seven years ago, the series has brought bands such as Nirvana, Hole and Rage Against the Machine out

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Flu season spreading

By Mike Corpus

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Contrary to popular belief, flu season is alive and well, according to nursing school instructor, Dr. Chris Hooper.

The San Jose State University School of Nursing hosted a flu vaccine clinic yesterday in the health building to help students prevent a late onset of the flu.

Hooper said cases of the flu

have been on the increase lately and getting a flu vaccine, even at this late date, can be helpful in avoiding a bout with the nasty bug.

The clinic, which ran from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., had received only four patients by 2:30 p.m.

Hooper said the nursing school offered the clinic as a service to the university community, as well as a fund-raiser for nurse

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Diversity topic of lecture

By Mike Corpus

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Diversity in the field of library science and the civil rights struggle were the main themes of Monday night's Library Luminaries lecture.

E.J. Josey, an activist librarian and civil rights leader, spoke in the Engineering building as part of the Library Luminaries lecture series. About 100 people attended the

lecture, which was presented by the San Jose State University student chapter of the American Library Association, in conjunction with the school of library and information science.

Josey is professor emeritus in the Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh's school of Information Science.

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OPPOSING VIEWS

Should we get rid of political parties in Associated Students?

Getting rid of political parties would make it less likely for carbon-copy candidates to get voted into office

Election signs embossed with candidate mugs and catchy slogans line the paths on San Jose State University's campus. There are a myriad of candidates and choices on the ballot. It could be expected that the newly elected team of Associated Student members would be a diverse and proactive group that would articulate the voice of the students.



RICKEE HILL

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Wait, did I say we had a myriad of choices? Let me rephrase that. We may have 38 people campaigning to join the A.S. team, but when it comes down to it, each candidate belongs to one of three political parties.

There is the Spartan Party, the SJSU Party and the Impact Party.

Political party lines are simply another form of the segregation of viewpoints.

You shouldn't vote for an issue, bill or candidate based strictly on their political association.

By avoiding issues and candidates who associate with a specific group, voters are prevented the chance to expand their horizons.

How can an educated vote be cast without an unbiased ear listening to both sides? I will tell you how — it can't.

Partisan politics assumes that people are sheep and will follow others like them. Granted, people aren't forced to follow a party name, but the reality of it is, people do.

In case you hadn't noticed, we are in the middle of yet another election.

The presidential election has come and gone while local politics have filled newspapers the last few weeks during the California primary. San Jose recently crowned Ron Gonzales as its new mayor.

It is now time for San Jose State University to follow suit and host an election. Students will use the election to declare who is fit to represent their needs.

Activities coordinator Cori Miller said, as a neutral player in the election process, she can see more people getting involved with the election.

"There are so many students interested in running, they affiliate themselves with a (party)," Miller said.

There are 38 candidates to choose from on the ballot, which is an increase in student involvement from past years. It is great that so many candidates want to represent their fellow students.

Despite the appearance of candidate multitude, there are three choices: Spartan, SJSU, or Impact.

In general, candidates campaign to be a mouthpiece for their political party.

Each party has a list of campaign goals that is meant to entice voters for support.

I have heard comments supporting all sides, but based on the information handed out by the parties, it is hard to choose whom to give a vote.

The translation of that is simple.

It doesn't matter how many faces or names are on a ballot, the elections will always end in the same way: With one of three entities taking over the office.

A question should be raised to the student body: Should the candidates run their campaigns in an individual basis without the support or bad press of one of the three parties?

The ballot should include an option to eliminate the voting lines and party boundaries. Election candidates should campaign on an equal playing ground and represent themselves, not a party name.

Hiding behind the title of a political party can only take a candidate so far. Eventually, candidates will have to speak for themselves.

With the current three-party system, the credibility of a candidate is based solely on the party's past experiences and not on the current candidate and the potential they have to offer.

The recognition a candidate garners would feed the political party. The candidate will continue to hide in the shadows until a one-party partisanship is reached.

Maribel Martinez, current president and candidate for re-election, said she sees benefits in the party system.

"You're working with people (which) is preparation for what (elected officials) will be doing on a regular basis," she said.

She makes a valid point. Martinez campaigned independently during her first election and said it takes more time and money to run independently.

"The more support you have the more motivated students are," she said. "Parties should be a starting base for students. Candidates should do campaigning on their own and show themselves as individuals, not just as a group."

When labels are placed on candidates, conflicts arise.

Without partisan restrictions separating political groups at SJSU, the students on campus, also known as "the voters," would be able to judge for themselves if a candidate is truly the kind of person that should be elected based on the candidates personal views, ambition and track record.

"It comes down to students making educated decisions based on track records of the individual and ideas they hope to bring forth," Martinez said.

It is simple: Give voters more variety to choose, give students more control and the voter turnout would then reflect an accurate consensus of the student body's perspective.

The election signs that are posted around campus and campaign slogans that emblazon party fliers mean nothing to the voter if the election results in yet another cookie cutter image of past political teams. Happy voting.

Rickee Hill is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

You've seen them. Those signs that are everywhere on this campus this time of year. The ones that tell you to vote for the Spartan Party, SJSU party or the Impact party candidates in this year's Associated Students elections.

Yes, I realize we do have one independent candidate, Mehrshad Mansouri, running for A.S. president.

He has signs, too.

These signs are a symptom of what the party system does for both the voter and the candidates.

If I wandered around this campus, I would certainly know what all of the political parties at San Jose State University are. However, I might not know who the individual candidates are.

The candidates know this.

How do I know? The signs tell me.

On the majority of the campaign signs around in my informal jaunt around campus, I discovered that the party affiliation is what stuck in my head more than the candidates themselves.

Is this a good thing? I think it is.

On a commuter campus, such as this one, students do not have the time to learn 38 different candidates and what they all individually stand for.

They can, however, learn the differences between the three parties in a short period of time if they choose to do so and make a decision based on that.

I can learn that Impact Party candidates are running on a platform that includes the decreasing of A.S. student fees.

I can learn that the SJSU Party wants to ensure that every student is afforded the opportunity to obtain an education by increasing the number and amount of scholarship disbursements.

I can also learn that the Spartan Party wants to open a communication line through newsletters, student summits, forums and student roundtables.

I can do that quickly and easily. You can, too. Thus, the explanation for the party dominated signs.

There are more reasons than that to support the partisan system in place for the A.S. elections.

It also makes it easier for the candidates. The pooling of resources by campaigning as a unified group under the umbrella of a party name is more efficient for each candidate.

Each time a member of one of these parties does something, whether it is campaigning or winning an award, the party name is out there and less work for the other members need to be done.

This efficiency is good for the candidates and the students. Now, where does this leave an independent candidate such as Mansouri?

He benefits from the party system, too. He can use his independent status as a positive. He can campaign as being an alternative choice; something different from what we are used to.

He can be the voice of independence in the middle of party politics.

He couldn't run those premises if there were no parties.

He knows this. Just look at his signs. He would be just one of four faces running for A.S. president and one of 38 names on the A.S. election ballot.

The party system we have doesn't prohibit anybody from running for election. If it did, I wouldn't support it.

Simply put, everybody benefits from the system we have on this campus.

The three parties benefit, an independent candidate benefits and the students benefit. An election should give the voters options.

The students of this university do not need to be taxed into figuring out a long list of candidates and what they stand for.

They need to be able to understand who is running, what they are running on and be able to do so in an efficient manner.

The system we have allows for that. The signs tell me so.



JOE WEAVER

DAILY STAFF WRITER

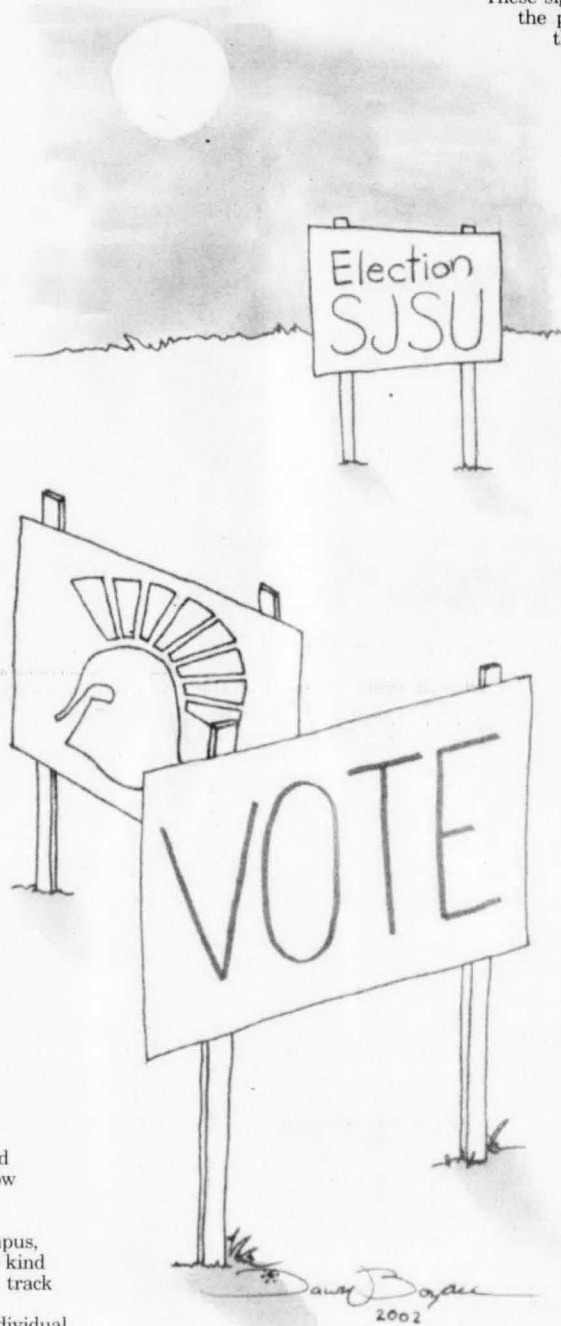


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TALKING HEADS should the partisan system be eliminated in A.S.?



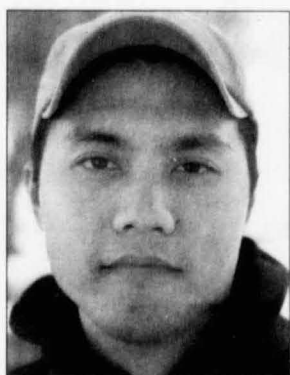
"No, I don't think so. Basically it gives a good separation between the two. Throughout history, there have always been parties."

— Darwin Agar
senior
business management



"A lot of younger people don't vote in regular elections. On a university level we should make it as simple as possible."

— Sachiko Harrison
graduate student
special education



"I didn't even know we had political parties."

— Joe Alvarez
sophomore
electrical engineering



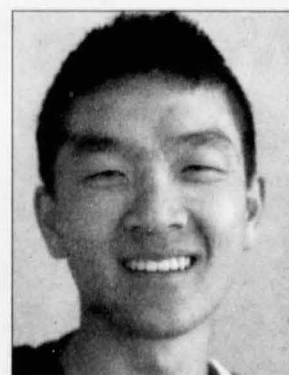
"I think so, because the political parties don't represent viewpoints. People may have stereotypes or biases against certain parties."

— Karen Lesea
graduate student
linguistics



"No, political parties make it easy for people to know where candidates stand. Students don't always have time to research the issues."

— Jennifer Mar
junior
kinesiology



"It's all a bunch of crap. I think it's worthless. I hardly see anything done. They always want more money. They say they want to do stuff, but nothing ever gets done."

— Ryan Fong
senior
civil engineering

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A ride on the migraine side

It starts with a small pain in the middle of the forehead, and before you know it, your entire forehead is throbbing. It spreads to the bridge of your nose and to the area behind your eyes.

Nothing like a migraine could make you want to jump off a bridge.

Except if you have a migraine and are trying to dodge a stalker at the same time.

Well, dodge isn't really the right word for what happened Monday — a better phrase would be running for my life.

After class I found myself walking through the Art building, the low lighting lessened the pounding of my head and for some reason, I could breathe easier.

That's when I ran into the psycho.

He was putting something in his locker, it's not like I'm nosy, but he had newspaper clippings taped to the inside of the door.

As I walked past, I noticed that they were clippings of columns and past stories from the Spartan Daily.

Curious, OK I'm nosy, I asked if he had been featured in the paper.

He hadn't.

I asked if a friend had been featured.

Strike two.

He said they were column clippings from my column.

I thought that was odd.

He said he'd like to get to know me better.

I thought he was inhaling too many paint fumes.

He said he'd like to take me back to his place.

I showed myself out the door, mentioning something about having to go to class.

I was by the Business building when I saw him behind me.

MICHELLE
JEW

SPOILED

He followed me to the Career Center.

He followed me into the Industrial Studies building.

He followed me into the Student Union, where I managed to lose him before ducking into the Spartan Bookstore.

I was planning on slipping out the door when he walked past a window, asking someone if he had seen me.

I slipped into a dressing room instead.

After 10 minutes, I slipped out, bought an overpriced sweater, put the hood on and walked out.

I turned around and walked back into the Student Union.

He hadn't spotted me, but was asking yet another student if she had seen me.

Unfortunately, she pointed right at me.

So I ran up a couple flights of stairs before literally running into one of the Daily's regular letter writers.

I explained the situation and asked for help while he listened from behind dark sunglasses and stroked his beard.

In response, he went right to the stalker and distracted him long enough for me to leave the union, via the balcony by the old Associated Students offices.

I ran past the Engineering building, cut through the Central Classrooms Building and ran up the stairs of Dwight

Bentel Hall and into the Daily newsroom.

My car was at the Park and Ride lot, so I couldn't leave without waiting out in the open for heaven only knows how long.

We were pooling money to get someone's car out of the Third Street garage when one of the reporters came running from the window to tell us the stalker had come into the building.

The photographers shoved me into their office in the Daily backshop and closed the door with a brief "be quiet."

"No, duh," was all I could think about.

I heard one of them on the phone with UPD, saying that there was a crazy running around and stalking one of the Daily editors.

Meanwhile, I heard someone shouting that he had seen me come in the building, while several others proclaimed that they hadn't seen me.

Fifteen minutes later, the office door opened.

Two minutes later I was walking to the executive editor's car with two other editors in tow.

Five minutes later, we were at my car.

They dropped me off and headed back to work.

I took off for home.

The guy followed.

I woke up just as he ran my car off the road near the 101 exit on 280.

I stared at the ceiling and felt the throbbing return to my head.

I almost wished the dream stalker had killed me — at least my head wouldn't hurt.

Michelle Jew is a Spartan Daily Production Editor. "Spoiled" appears Wednesdays.

Sparta Guide

Wednesday

Prevention Education Program Center

"Make the Break," Spring carnival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Seventh Street central plaza. For more information, contact 924-5945.

Asian American Christian Fellowship

"In the light" a night of praise and worship featuring music, skits and a special message from Jason Ma in the Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Alison at 971-4082 or Anh at 807-8233.

Student Gerontology Organization

Meeting with guest speaker Kim Fern, director of the Cupertino-Sunnyvale senior day services from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in MacQuarrie Hall, third floor. For more information, call Katie Magley at 448-1559.

Career Center

Visit the U.S. Navy about its employment opportunities from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Teresa at 924-6055.

Career Center

Job & Internship Strategies Workshop: Surviving the Current Job Market from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the F Workshop room of the Career Center. For more information, contact 924-6031.

Career Center

Job & Internship Strategies Workshop: Hot Resumes from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the F Workshop room of the Career Center. For more information, contact 924-6031.

Financial Management Association

Meeting with Tom Sanman, finance manager of G.E. from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Glendon Foster at 356-0626.

REACH Program (Re-Entry and Commuter Help Program)

Stress management 101: getting a degree without losing your mind from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Jane at 924-5950.

Alpha Omicron Pi

Philanthropy party at 7:30 p.m. in the Alpha Omicron Pi house at 373 E. San Fernando St. For more information, contact Becky Cox at 292-6599.

Peer Health Education Program

"The Dating Game Show" from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Michelle Lozada at 924-6143.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, contact Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

Beta Alpha Psi

CPA review presentation with Becker-Visner in the Almaden room of the Student Union. All students welcome; casual business attire. For more information, contact Lisa at 226-9766.

sjspspirit.org

Meditation and meditation instruction from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Tipi Chapel next to Robert's Bookstore. For more information, contact Roger at 605-1687.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance

Club meeting from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, e-mail glbta@email.sjsu.edu.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Body fat assessment from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Central Classroom Building, Room 221. Five dollars for students. For more information, contact Sherry at 206-7599.

School of Art & Design

Student gallery exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, contact John or Nicole at 924-4330.

Thursday

National Press Photographer Association

Photo night with guest speaker Bruce Strong from the Orange County Register at 7:30 p.m. in the Art building, Room 133. For more information, contact Lexey at 924-5877.

Spartan Ad Society

Meeting with guest speaker Ingrid Otero-Smart at 5 p.m. in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 133. For more information, contact Lori at 885-1683.

Nutrition Education Action Team

National nutrition month lecture: Diabetes and diversity from noon to 1 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Jen Styles at 924-6118.

Biology Student Association

Job and internship seminar with Kelly Scientific Resources at 6 p.m. in Duncan Hall, Room 505. For more information, contact Fabiola Siqueira at 890-6299.

A.S. Campus Recreation

Dunk contest at 2:30 p.m. in the Event Center. For more information, contact Rita Chandler at 924-6266.

A.S. Campus Recreation

Three-point, free-throw shooting contest at 1:30 p.m. in the Event Center. For more information, contact Rita Chandler at 924-6266.

Alpha Omicron Pi

A-O-Pie-in-the-face at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Tiffany at 998-9330.

African-American Studies Department

Ethnic film festival: movie, "UTU" From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 207. For more information, contact Elisa Harvie at 924-5871.

Career Center

Job & Internship Strategies Workshop: Dynamic Interviews from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the F Workshop room of the Career Center. For more information, contact 924-6031.

Career Center

Job search and disability from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in F Workshop room of the Career Center. For more information, contact 924-6031.

Listening Hour Concert Series

Washington State University vocal jazz ensemble with SJSU alumnus Gus Kambeitz as director from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building concert hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbs at 924-4631.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan

Weekly general meeting to organize to address Chicano issues at 6 p.m. in the Chicano Library Resource Center, Module A. For more information, contact Adriana Garcia at 250-9245.

Chicano Commencement Committee

Weekly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Library. For more information, contact chicano_commcement@yahoo.com.

Campus Crusade For Christ

"Nightlife" at 8 p.m. in the Science building, Room 164. For more information, contact Sam at 297-2862 or Jeremy 297-7616.

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Body fat assessment from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Central Classroom Building, Room 221. Five dollars for students. For more information, contact Sherry at 206-7599.

Friday

Counseling Services

Relationship recovery support group from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information, contact Jennifer Sharples at 924-5910.

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon, three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

LETTERS

Students encouraged to vote in elections

Monday's article ("Elections draw near," March 18) talks about the end result of this week's elections, the winners and the losers.

The big winner we should all be hoping for is the student body.

There needs to be a serious turnout of voters.

This would give the new Associated Students Board the

influence to effectively use their representation influence University policy.

Previous voter turnout of 8 percent to 12 percent sends the wrong message to the administrators.

We are educated adults capable of making educated choices.

Take a couple of minutes and vote.

A little effort on everyone's

part will avoid a repeat of the 23,000 non-voter turnout of last year's election.

Do yourself a favor, take a friend and vote.

Steve Cohen

senior
business and hospitality
management
Impact Party candidate for
Director of Business Affairs

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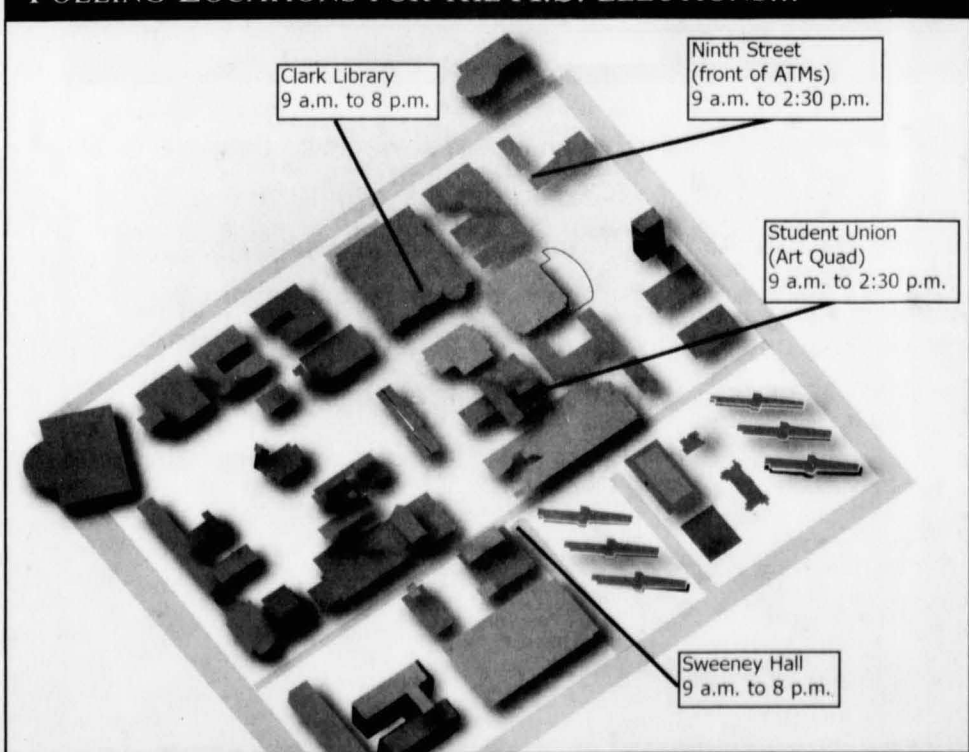
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Malott named WAC Pitcher of the Week

By Julian J. Ramos

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After posting two wins last week, Spartan pitcher Mike Malott (4-1, 4.01 ERA) has been named Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week.

Malott, a sophomore, tossed a complete game against Sacramento State University last Tuesday, giving up only one run on two hits in a 7-1 San Jose State University win.

His six strikeouts tied a career-high previously set against San Francisco State University on March 6.

On Saturday, Malott pitched the final one and two-thirds innings of a 5-4 Spartan win in 10 innings against Louisiana Tech University.

After Malott's strong outing against Sacramento State, catcher Adam Shorsher said Malott has proven he can pitch at the Division I level.

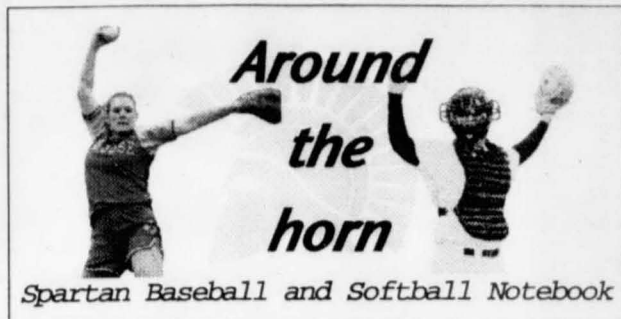
"The sky is the limit for him right now," Shorsher said.

Spartan head coach Sam Piraro said Malott has gotten better in his last three or four appearances, whether they have been as a reliever or as a starter.

"He's worked to be efficient," Piraro said. "He's not over throwing and he's getting outs early in the count."

Aloha Spartans

The Spartans (17-8, 3-3 WAC)



are scheduled to travel to Hawai'i for a three-game conference series against the University of Hawai'i and for a first ever appearance in the 27th annual Rainbow Easter Baseball Tournament.

Last season, the Rainbows (7-16, 0-3 WAC) swept a three-game set against the Spartans at Rainbow Stadium.

"There were two close games that we could have won," Piraro said. "If you're not disciplined and focused, it's one of the hardest places in the country to win."

The WAC series against the Rainbows is scheduled to begin March 22 and end March 24.

From March 25 to March 30, SJSU is slated to participate in the Rainbow Tournament.

The six games at the tournament plus the three games against the Rainbows will add up to nine games in as many days for

the Spartans in Hawai'i.

"This trip is going to make us or break us," second baseman Gabe Lopez said.

WAC softball opener

The Spartan softball team is scheduled to begin their WAC season with a doubleheader against Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles on Thursday.

The Lions (12-20, 0-4 WAC) lost to nationally-ranked University of Oklahoma 7-2 on Monday.

The Spartans (12-22, 0-0 WAC) finished the Capitol Classic Tournament in Sacramento with a 2-5 record.

Spartan pitcher Mike Malott was named Western Athletic Conference pitcher of the week.

David Bitton / Daily Staff



Missouri remembers last UCLA matchup all to well

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seven years after Tyus Edney's length-of-the-court drive and layup beat the buzzer and Missouri, UCLA hopes it won't take another miracle shot to get past the Tigers.

The Bruins won that second-round game 75-74, and eventually earned their 11th national championship and only one since John Wooden retired in 1975.

Edney dribbled the length of the court in 4.8 seconds and got off his game-winner over 6-foot-9 Derek Grimm and 6-1 Jason Sutherland, stunning the Tigers and triggering a joyous midcourt celebration.

"We were all grateful that Tyus made the shot and that we were able to extend our season and play another week," said coach Steve Lavin, then an assistant under Jim Harrick who took over when Harrick was fired 20 months later.

"Coach Harrick and the staff were under the usual great pressure to continue to win games and try and bring home a championship banner," Lavin recalled Tuesday.

Not much has changed since 1995. Lavin and his staff were under fire most of this season for the Bruins' roller-coaster performances.

For the impressive victories over then-No. 1 Kansas and at Stanford, there were several clunkers, including an early season loss to Ball State in Hawaii, a 29-point blowout by Oregon and a first-round exit in the Pac-10 Conference tournament.

"So everyone is surprised when we have breakthroughs, but as a coach you see the progress day-to-day."

In 1995, the Bruins were a No.

1 seed. They had lost to Tulsa in the first round the previous year, and would lose to Princeton in the first round of the 1996 NCAA tournament.

In between came the greatest play Lavin said he's ever seen.

"It was kind of a storybook finish," he said. "I remember 15 or 20 minutes later in the locker room, the team was just so excited."

UCLA freshman Cedric Bozeman was 12 when he saw Edney's heroics while watching the game at his grandmother's house.

"That was a big giant-killer," Bozeman said. "Hopefully, we can squeak by and get a clean victory."

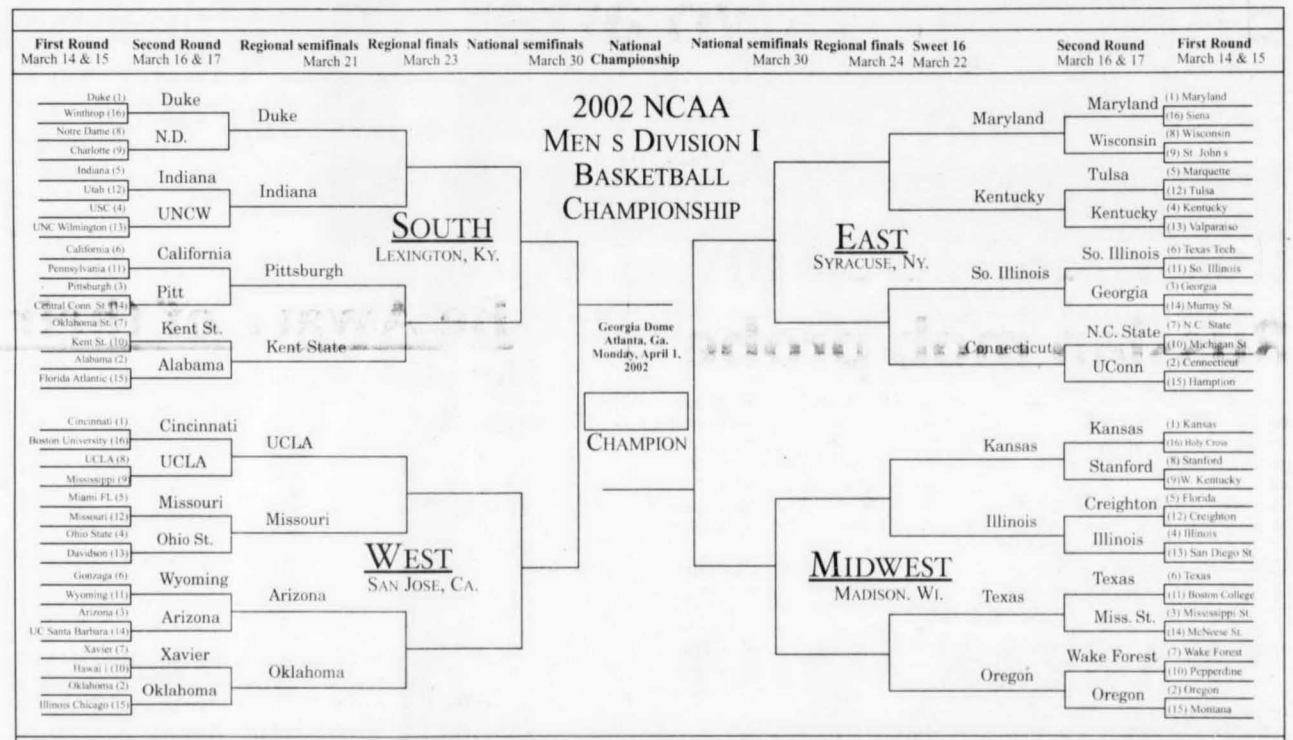
The Tigers (23-11) are coached by 35-year-old Quin Snyder. They underachieved most of the season, dropping from a No. 2 ranking after a 9-0 start to unranked before the Big 12 Conference tournament.

They defeated fifth-seeded Miami and No. 4 Ohio State convincingly in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

Coached by the 37-year-old Lavin, the Bruins (21-11) were a top-10 team to start the season, then lost to Ball State and Pepperdine before beating UC Riverside, UC Irvine (by one point) and Columbia despite indifferent efforts.

The Bruins beat Mississippi 80-58 and then surprised No. 1 Cincinnati 105-101 in double overtime to reach the final 16 for the third consecutive year.

"We put ourselves in a position to be criticized with our poor performances, but now we're winning, it's in one ear and out the other," said senior forward Matt Barnes, who has a "Never Satisfied" tattoo on his forearm. "Our mission is to win it all."



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Warning of terrorist attacks sent to Spartan Daily

By Andrew Bollinger

DAILY STAFF WRITER

An envelope with no return address containing a cassette tape and a note warning of nuclear terrorist attacks against America was received by the Spartan Daily newspaper staff on Tuesday morning.

The newspaper's executive editor, Ben Aguirre, Jr., opened the letter, postmarked from what appears to be Kingsburg, Calif., a town located in San Joaquin Valley.

Aguirre said he thought the letter was suspicious from the moment he saw it.

"It looked kind of funny," Aguirre said. "It was thick and then it didn't have a return address. It was just addressed to 'Spartan Newspaper' as opposed to Spartan Daily, or Editor of the Spartan Daily. (It didn't even have our real address on it, which is kind of odd.)"

Aguirre said he opened the envelope and found a cassette tape and a typed note between two pieces of cardboard that were taped together.

The note said, "The tape has predicted nuclear terrorism coming to America, and it names some cities targeted. Please get this message out soon. Thank you."

One side of the tape was labeled, "Future events Oct 86," in blue ink, while the other side was labeled, "Don't please recopy," also in blue ink.

"I was kind of like, 'is this a

joke or not?" Aguirre said. "I kinda looked at it and immediately thought that I should tell someone about it."

Aguirre said he took the envelope and cassette tape to two of the Spartan Daily advisers, Mack Lundstrom and Jan Shaw, who put the envelope and cassette tape in a plastic bag without listening to the tape.

"I wasn't thinking anthrax," Shaw said. "I was thinking fingerprints. We needed to stop putting fingerprints on it."

Lundstrom said, "When I read the note, I took it seriously. We've had anonymous letters before. Before 9-11 we never gave it a second thought."

Lundstrom, who has been a journalism professor at San Jose State University since 1978 and an adviser to the Spartan Daily staff off and on since 1983, said that he couldn't remember any situation in the past where the staff had to go to the police.

"We've had letters that threatened people," he said. "But nothing that goes directly to the staff."

After talking to the advisers, Aguirre took their advice and called the United States Postal Service Customer Affairs Department, then took the envelope and tape to the University Police Department.

"I told the (post office employee) I had a suspicious package," Aguirre said. "His response was, 'OK, isolate the package, back away from the package, evacuate

the building, and call your local law enforcement agency.'"

Instead of calling the Police Department to come to the Spartan Daily office, Aguirre said he took the letter to the police station himself.

"It wasn't like a bunch of powder fell on the desk or anything," Aguirre said.

University Police Officer Manuel Aguayo, who took the case, said, "We're going to go ahead and examine it in a controlled situation and see what we can get out of it — evidence — fingerprints, fibers. If we need to, we can send it off to a lab."

Aguayo said the police department has received calls before regarding suspicious mail, but to the best of his knowledge, nothing serious has turned up.

Krishna Pathak, a clerk at the Bayshore post office in San Jose, said that mail without a returned address is not supposed to be sent to its destination.

"They made a mistake," Pathak said of the Kingsburg post office. "They were supposed to stamp it refused and send it to the main office. (The main office) opens it and sees if there is a return address inside."

Pathak said that with the large amount of mail that goes through the postal system every day, it's hard to keep every piece of mail that doesn't have a return address from being sent. However, some get through, she said.



Andrea Scott / Daily Staff

This envelope containing a suspicious cassette tape and note was received by the Spartan Daily on Tuesday. The materials were isolated and turned over to the University Police Department for further review. At press time, it was unknown where the envelope came from or if any kind of contaminant was on it.

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BART shut down after white powder found

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Authorities shut down two BART stations and stopped all trains into and out of the city for about an hour Tuesday after white powder was found in one of the cars.

Fire, police and hazardous materials crews were sent to the Powell Street station to investigate.

BART Police Sgt. John Junier said the powder was tested and

found to be harmless. It was first reported by a Bay Area Rapid Transit employee.

Authorities had no idea how many commuters were delayed as they headed to the East Bay.

"It was a big headache for everybody," Junier said.

Melissa Losasso, 23, was delayed about a half-hour as she headed home to Berkeley. She didn't know that white powder

had caused the closure until BART reopened at 7:45 p.m.

"I'd rather take the bus home, but I'm here so I'll risk it again," she said.

Body identified in Russian mob probe

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A bound, strangled body pulled from a Sierra foothill lake last fall was identified Tuesday as that of a Los Angeles-area real estate developer.

Authorities believe Meyer Muscatel was one of multiple victims of a Los Angeles-area Russian mafia group that has dumped Muscatel and at least four others into New Melones Lake near Modesto in the Central Valley.

A fifth body — apparently that of a woman — was pulled from the lake Tuesday night, said FBI spokesman Nick Rossi. It is the fourth body recovered from the lake since Sunday, but the first female.

Muscatel's body was found floating in the lake Oct. 18, hands bound and a plastic bag over its head. The 58-year-old Sherman Oaks, Calif., home-builder disappeared Oct. 11 after telling his family he was going to a business meeting.

Muscatel's Calaveras County death certificate says he was "smothered by the hands of another." His throat and lower face were crushed, the death certificate says, though some injury could have been caused by hitting the water.

Authorities wouldn't comment Tuesday.

Police found Muscatel's vehicle near his home, but never located him despite his family's offer of a \$54,000 reward the same day the then-unidentified body was discovered more than 300 miles away.

His daughter, Rachel, 31, told the Sacramento Bee her father was meeting new business associates who wanted to build 20 homes in Malibu. The next day he repeatedly tried to clean out his bank account.

"He called the bank four times saying that he needs the money out and that he was in danger, but there was a slip-up at the bank," his daughter said.

The elder Muscatel was born

in New York, but lived in Los Angeles County for 35 years and had been a real estate developer for 12 years. He owned Best Avnet in Sherman Oaks.

His daughter said she couldn't believe he was the victim of organized crime.

"That's like Mafia stuff, right?" she said. "He's a religious Jew."

However, authorities told the Associated Press they believe Muscatel and the other bodies pulled from the lake are victims of a Los Angeles-area Russian organized crime group.

The FBI is likely to call off its search for more bodies Wednesday after running out of likely areas to look, Rossi said. He said investigators intend to recover materials located under one bridge to look for evidence before suspending their search.

Investigators located the fifth body Tuesday under a bridge straddling the lake, Rossi said. The body — the fourth recovered in three days — was located by a remotely operated submersible vehicle in about 220 feet of water, and was brought to about 30 feet before it was recovered by divers about 7 p.m.

Two weighted male bodies were recovered Sunday, and a third male body was recovered Monday.

Rossi said the newfound bodies had not been immediately identified, nor could he provide a cause of death nor release any information about their physical condition. Autopsies began on the first two bodies Tuesday, but it was too early for results, Rossi said. Autopsies are to continue Thursday, he said.

Divers aided by the submersible began searching New Melones Lake in Calaveras County over the weekend after a search last week of nearby Lake Don Pedro east of Modesto proved fruitless.

The 12,500-acre reservoir is located between Sonoma and Angel's Camp.

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LIBRARY Lecture focused on civil rights movement

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The evening began with a greeting by David Smith, co-chair of student chapter of the American Library Association.

Smith introduced his co-chair, Socorro Pelayo, who in turn introduced Josey.

Pelayo also recognized a number of audience members who are also historical figures in the field of library science.

Among them was Clara Statton Jones, the first African American president of the American Library Association.

After being introduced, Josey said he was happy to be at SJSU and to have met with the students, whom he called, "The next generation of library heroes, not only in California, but in the United States."

Josey then began his lecture, which lasted about 45 minutes and focused on his experiences as a black librarian in the 1960s when libraries, like many public facilities, were still segregated.

In 1964, Josey was working at Savannah State College in Georgia, now known as Savannah State University, while students

in the civil rights movement were staging sit-ins at Woolworth's lunch counters.

His students were planning to sit-in at the local public libraries to protest the inequality of the facilities.

Josey was the only faculty member to openly support the students in this movement, but the libraries were desegregated before the students had to sit-in.

It was in 1964 that Josey said he decided to fight segregation in the American Library Association.

At that time African American librarians were not allowed to join state library associations.

Though they were allowed into the American Library Association, they could not participate in many ALA functions without state library association ties.

He was ultimately successful in getting the ALA to desegregate and allow blacks full membership rights.

Josey then spoke about the contributions of various black librarians and the need for more diversity in the field of library science.

According to Josey, there have been three African American

presidents of the American Library Association in its 126-year history.

Jones was the first president, elected in 1976, followed by Josey in 1984 and Harvey Franklin in the early 1990s.

"We need to do more to diversify the staff of our libraries," Josey said in his lecture. "We also need to do more to represent the communities more accurately."

At the end of the lecture, Josey spoke about the major challenges posed to the American Library Association after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Libraries should be a source of stability to the nation," he said.

He also pointed out that protecting our fundamental freedoms is at the core of the library profession.

After the lecture, Josey took questions from the audience.

Smith said he was pleased with the turnout for the lecture.

"It was a good turnout, we had a lot of prominent figures in the audience as well," he said.

Smith's co-chair, Socorro Pelayo, said of the lecture, "I was fascinated. We worked for several months to get him (Josey) here. He's a very busy man."

VACCINE Shots for flu available through early spring

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managed centers.

The shots were \$15 each. The lack of patients was partly due to misconceptions about flu vaccines.

"There are a number of people who believe the vaccine will give them the flu," said nursing school instructor Debrah Gayle.

The clinic was staffed with more than a dozen fourth semester nursing students who had learned injection skills in their classes and clinical work.

Greg Andrews, one of the students manning the clinic, said he was taking the chance to gain experience.

"I'm taking advantage of the clinic to learn to do the injections," Andrews said. "It's sort of a two-way deal, the people get shots, and we get to learn."

Andrews said the timing of the clinic surprised many of the nursing students.

"We all thought the shot season was in early fall," he said. "I was surprised to know you can get shots even in the early spring."

Andrews said the lack of patients was probably because there was minimal advertising done for the clinic.

Fourth-semester nursing student Sabrina Zuniga said the clinic was good for the students who participated.

"It's a great way to practice the skills we learned in our labs," she said. "We practice on an injection pad that simulates skin before we are allowed to give injections in a hospital setting."

Zuniga said she agreed that there should have been more advertising for the clinic.

"I don't think there was enough advertising, it's not traditional flu shot season, but the flu is on the rise," she said.

Kelly Marshall, also a fourth-

semester nursing major, said she had been waiting for people to come all afternoon.

"I think everyone already got their flu shots," she said.

Marshall said she would have been working on giving injections, but she said, "Not too many people knew about it."

According to Hooper, the proceeds from the clinic will go to nurse managed centers, which supports places like the John XXIII health clinic across San Fernando Street from the SJSU campus.

These places provide low-cost or no-cost nursing care to the community.

The clinic started the day with 70 doses of the vaccine available and Hooper said the school might offer another clinic with the extra serum.

The nursing school's Dr. Elizabeth Dietz organized the clinic.

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FEMINISM

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in support of reproductive rights.

In 1997, the president of Feminist Majority, Eleanor Smeal, started a campaign to counter the strong conservative move college campuses were making, said Michelle Woods, Feminist Majority guest speaker.

The campaign has grown to include 168 charter groups on college campuses across the nation, Woods said.

She said many of these groups work closely with clinics, such as Planned Parenthood, to organize sexual health fairs and educate students on emergency contraception.

One of the first activities the SJSU chapter plans on being involved with is "Take Back the Night," a rally discussing violence against women.

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and the Women's Resource Center will co-sponsor the event on April 12 and are currently looking for speakers.

Behavior sciences and anthropology major Erika Jackson was involved in the planning of the new group and is the primary force behind "Take Back the Night."

"I didn't see feminist action on campus, not from the Women's studies department or the women's resource center," she said.

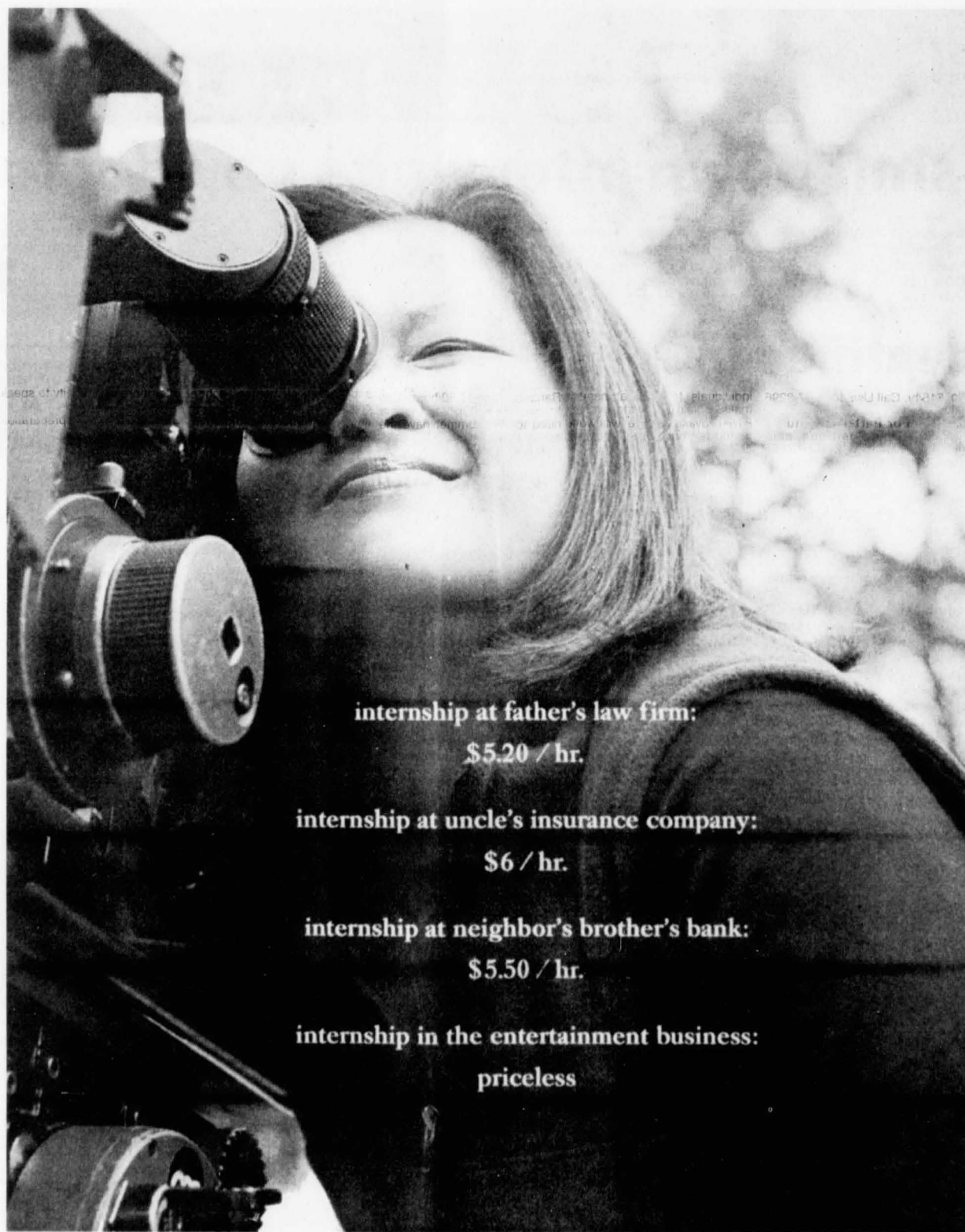
The 20 people in attendance came to the meeting for various reasons.

Freshman psychology major Maya Flores attended the meeting because she said she grew up in a single mother household, reading books about feminism.

"I have always been aware of feminist issues, so I was really excited and wanted to participate," Flores said.

Fernandez said she was "ecstatic" with the turnout.

"I thought there would be more faculty, because I had more faculty, than student response," she said. "But I am really happy."



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helped frame the city charter, built governing institutions and represented Saratoga on the regional Association of Bay Area Governments.

Even with the duties of being a professor and mayor, Brazil remained a part of the Army Reserves and obtained the rank of colonel before he retired.

Rev. J. Benton White spoke at the service about Brazil's life.

"He ... suffered through the depression," Rev. J. Benton White said at the service. "He came from a loving home and his parents encouraged him to aspire to more than they had been able to achieve."

Brazil was born on March 11, 1920 in Los Angeles and attended the University of California, Los Angeles in the late 1930s, where he was the president of the glee club.

His wife of 60 years, Helen Frances Douglas, was the president of the women's glee club at UCLA when they met

They married in 1941, shortly after he graduated.

When World War II broke out, Brazil was called to duty and was commissioned as lieutenant in command of a mortar unit.

He was then stationed in Alaska before going to the Aleutians Island where he received a Bronze Star for his participation in the Aleutians campaign.

Brazil remained a training officer in Ft. Benning, Ga. near the end of the war.

After the war, Brazil returned to UCLA to work towards a doctorate in political science. He later attended Stanford University and finished his work there.

He has worked for the state of Washington and the University of Tennessee before he came to SJSU as a part of the political science faculty.

During the service, family members spoke about Brazil as a friend, grandfather, parent and husband.

John Brazil, his second son, also spoke at the service, describing his father's love for and large collection of gadgets.

"Having grown up with so little, he has grown to learn to save," John said. "He had an ego, but is the least egotistical person I know."

Family and friends spoke about the two things Brazil loved most in life: fishing and golf.

"He loved fishing and spent countless hours at that endeavor," White said. "He loved to have me go fishing with him, for the two of us both enjoyed the endeavor without having to catch anything."

White said Brazil had accomplished so much in life, but never bragged about any of it to anyone.

"Just having one of those things on one's resume would be impressive, yet he had done all those things with distinction," White said.

A scholarship has also been made in Brazil's name for future political science students.

Burton Brazil is survived by his wife, Helen, sons, Wayne and John, daughters, Ann and Lynn, sister, Betty, two daughter-in-laws, Janice and Rebecca, and seven grandchildren.

CAREERS Panels featured artists, writers and performers

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preferred to see non-business related artists on the panel.

"(The panel presentations) would be beneficial for the people who had specific questions for speakers working in their field," Southern said. "I mean, it seemed to me there was a guy in advertising for people who are in advertising."

Panelist Patrick Kenney is the electronic arts senior manager of project staffing for hiring artists. Kenney has assessed staffing needs for feature films such as "Antz" and "Shrek," and has worked on the stop-motion animated television show, "The PJ's."

Kenney was asked what he looks for when hiring computer graphics artists.

"If we look at two people, and they have the same talent level, I'm going to go with the person with the degree," Kenney said.

English professor Alan Soldof-

sky and June Lim, the associate director of the career center, were the co-moderators for the writing and communications panel presentation.

San Jose Mercury News columnist and writer Leigh Weimers was on the panel, as well as Cisco Systems, Inc. technical writer Tony Cyphers.

Kristina Mendoza, a magazine journalism major, said she is just starting out and now has a better understanding of what she needs to do.

"Leigh Weimers I found to be very interesting," she said. "He helped because I want to go into magazine writing. I found the part about portfolios interesting and helpful."

The performance forum was co-moderated by Television, Radio, Film and Theatre professor, Barnaby Dallas, and career consultant, Susane Head.

The panelists included Cinequest Film Festival Director Halldan Hussey and Marine The-

atre Company casting agent, Annie Stuart.

Theater arts major Matthew Frazier attended the performance forum.

Frazier said he wants to find out more about film directing, script writing and stage directing.

"It's interesting and you get other peoples perspective on what the industry is like," he said.

A networking reception was held in the Barrett Ballroom after the panel presentations.

Students could sit at any one of 15 tables, each designated with a discussion topic ranging from creative writing to art education.

Perez said it is only the second time for the creative careers forum to be held.

"(The panelists) are willing to come out and they are excited to come out and talk to students," he said. "We would really like to do it again (next year)."

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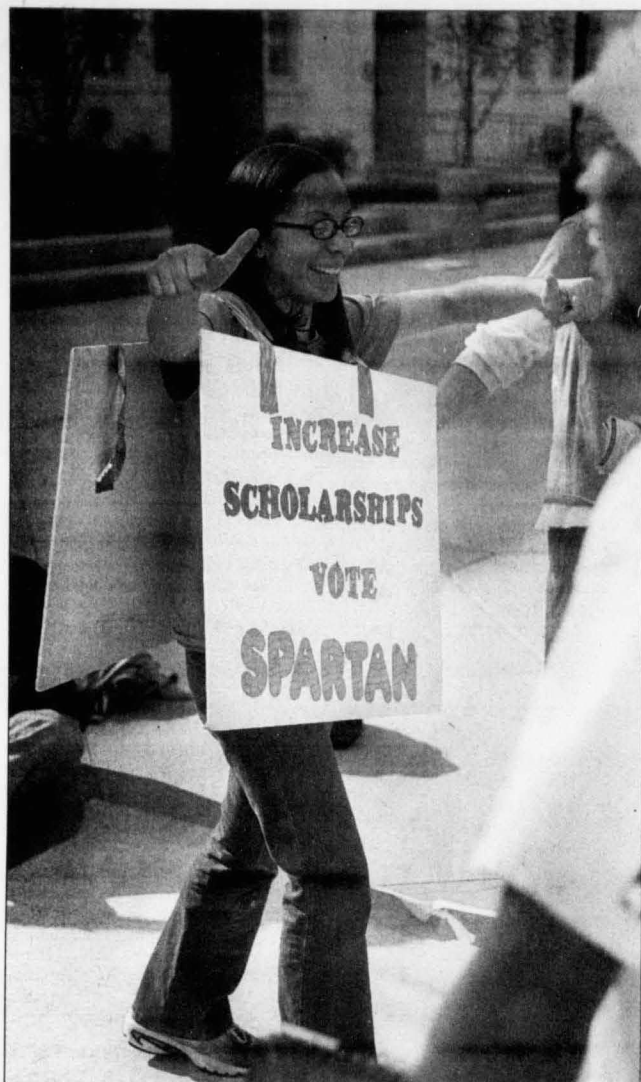
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ELECTIONS Candidates said they spent all day trying to get students to vote

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there needs to be life on campus and there needs to be clubs," Deveza said. "I just brought out my club here just to keep me company as I am going to be here all day and at the same time attract attention. When you have people around, you can speak to them about Spartan Party."

Deveza said he campaigned with break dancing last year and said he still doesn't know how the elections are going to turn out, since everything seems pretty even.

"Impact party is doing well," Deveza said over the beat of music. "SJSU party is getting out there. People like Mehrshad (Mansouri) are giving us compliments. I am not confident. I am still iffy, nervous."

Mansouri, the independent presidential candidate, campaigned with a sign jutting out from his backpack close to where Deveza was dancing and near the other polling booths on campus.

"It's tedious," Mansouri said. "I've got only one person, which is myself and there are two or three others who are passing out fliers. I've been talking to students rather than putting out specta-

cles. I don't have break dancers. I don't have

glitzy designs. It's kind of hard keeping up with all these guys but since day one I have told you guys I am not going to resort to any of these shenanigans. I am sickened by these."

Mansouri said that he was optimistic about the first day.

"It's all right, but it can be a lot better," he said. "A lot of people have already approached me and said that 'I have voted for you.' It has made me very happy."

At the polling booth near the Clark Library, Scott Brian, a music senior, sat at one of the tables casting his ballot.

"I heard a lot of the issues about the way the money is spent," Brian said. "The main one that kind of riled me up was that most of the money for student organizations has already been spent and I think the people who have been there didn't do a good job and need to be moved out."

And even though I have been graduating, I should still say my voice."

Brian said it was like picking the best from the worst and no candidate was really perfect.

"The people who have been doing it didn't really do their job that well and the people who have been replacing them don't have any experience," he said. "It's kind of like a shot in the dark."

Unlike Brian, Joe Lopez, a sociology major, said he didn't feel the need to vote.

"I don't even vote for state so I don't feel like voting for school," Lopez said. "I am not a politically active person."

Lopez said he didn't feel the need to question where the money to A.S. went.

Carlos Trujillo, the SJSU Party candidate for campus advising affairs, said the people who didn't care disappointed him.

"When you try to give people fliers, they say 'I am not voting. I

don't care,'" Trujillo said. "That is really discouraging, but everyone else has been very encouraging."

Pearl Yuan, the candidate for student resource affairs, stood near the event center polling booth handing out fliers and looking tired.

"I have been standing out here since six in the morning," Yuan said. "People see me holding fliers and they don't even make eye contact and I don't think they really care and I feel that I am harassing people and I've been trying to give them information about the party. It's disappointing when people don't want to participate, but at the same time, I get excited when people do want to participate."

Unlike the people who turned away from Yuan's fliers, fliers was one of the things which made Christian Gomez, a mechanical engineering junior go out and vote.

"I voted against raising the fees," Gomez said. "When I saw that the fees are going up I decided to go out and vote."

Impact Party members in black T-shirts tried to persuade people to go out and vote.

Maribel Martinez, the presidential candidate from the Impact Party, said her party was getting a very good response.

"We are pretty confident," Martinez said. "We have always been pretty confident. We think we are pretty aware of the issues."

Martinez said she is happy that people are actually taking interest and running for the elections.

"Every position is contested," Martinez said. "Therefore every vote counts."

Christina Dickinson, Spartan Party candidate for Associated Students Controller, gave a thumbs up for the Spartan Party at their booth in front of the Central Classroom building on Tuesday.

Stanley Kao / Special to the Daily

U.S. coalition forces engage in battle in eastern Afghan town of Khost

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Gunmen attacked U.S. coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan, touching off a fire-fight that lasted several hours, a U.S. military spokesman said Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear whether American troops were directly involved in the attack in the city of Khost, which is on the southeastern end of the valley where Operation Anaconda was staged. The operation ended earlier this week, but U.S. forces said they were continuing to pursue any remaining al-Qaida fighters that might have escaped from the battle zone.

"Last night, terrorists using machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars attacked coalition forces in Khost. We returned fire and continue to develop the situation as we speak," said Maj. Bryan Hilferty, spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division, from Bagram air base north of Kabul.

Hilferty said he was not immediately aware of any casualties. He would not say how many U.S.-allied troops were in the area.

The fighting in Khost comes less than a day after gunmen challenging the authority of the newly appointed police chief

exchanged fire with security forces, killing one person and injuring three others.

The gunbattle occurred in the town's main market and forced people to close their shops, the Afghan Islamic Press reported, citing witnesses.

Close to the Pakistani border, Khost was a hotbed of support for the Taliban and al-Qaida and has been the scene of several sporadic bombings and shootings in recent weeks.

Operation Anaconda was launched on March 2 to clear the eastern Shah-e-Kot Valley of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

Teen-ager hit by puck at NHL game dies

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Seconds after being hit by a puck as she watched an NHL game, 13-year-old Brittanee Cecil held a jacket to her head to staunch the bleeding and walked to an exit.

Two days later she was dead, the first such fan fatality and one of the few at an American sports event, other than auto racing,

directly related to action on the field.

An eighth grader at Twin Valley South Middle School near Dayton, Brittanee would have turned 14 on Wednesday. Her father had taken her to the game as an early present, friends said.

The girl was struck in the head by a shot early in the second peri-

od of Saturday night's game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames at Nationwide Arena.

Columbus center Espen Knutson's slap shot from the top of the left circle appeared to be deflected by a defenseman, with the puck flying over the high glass at the west end of the ice.

Explosion on bus in northern Israel injures several

JERUSALEM (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus traveling Wednesday in northern Israel, injured several people, police told Israel radio.

Ambulances were rushing to the scene and it appeared there were several injuries, witnesses

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A man who was traveling in a car behind the bus when it exploded called it a "very grave attack and said he saw 'a lot of blood.' He said he did not know what caused the explosion.

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